

Welcome

“Transfigure Our World”
February 11, 2024



ST. JOHN'S
Lutheran Church
Grounded • Growing • Branching

Welcome to St. John's Lutheran Church

Good morning and a blessed welcome to you! It is an honor to have you worshiping with us this morning and we pray that you find great comfort and peace in Jesus' Word of love, mercy, and forgiveness!

At St. John's we are pleased to offer two styles of worship services on Sunday morning. In our 8:30 a.m. traditional service, we offer familiar hymns and rich, traditional worship forms in a meaningful and inspirational setting. Our 11:00 a.m. contemporary service includes the same message as our 8:30 a.m. service, but in an informal style, enhanced with contemporary music. We encourage you to try both worship styles! Thank you for worshiping with us; we would love to have you join us again!

(If you need assistance or need a hearing aid device, please see one of the ushers.)

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TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

FEBRUARY 11, 2024

8:30 A.M.

Our Vision: Grounded in Christ, Growing in Faith, Branching to Others

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC AND A TIME FOR PRAYER

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RINGING OF THE BELLS

WELCOME/GREETING OF ONE ANOTHER

Please take time to complete the appropriate side of the attendance registration cards. Once completed, pass the cards toward the center aisle. They will be collected during the offering.

OPENING SONG

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

LSB 873

INVOCATION

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and self-examination.

L: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father:

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as**

ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.

L: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

SALUTATION

PRAYER OF THE DAY

LISTENING TO GOD SPEAK TO US THROUGH HIS WORD

Old Testament Reading

Exodus 34:29-35

²⁹ When Moses came down from Mount Sinai, with the two tablets of the testimony in his hand as he came down from the mountain, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. ³⁰ Aaron and all the people of Israel saw Moses, and behold, the skin of his face shone, and they were afraid to come near him. ³¹ But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses talked with them. ³² Afterward all the people of Israel came near, and he commanded them all that the Lord had spoken with him in Mount Sinai. ³³ And when Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil over his face. ³⁴ Whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would remove the veil, until he came out. And when he came out and told the people of Israel what he was commanded, ³⁵ the people of Israel would see the face of Moses, that the skin of Moses' face was shining. And Moses would put the veil over his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

¹² Since we have such a hope, we are very bold, ¹³ not like Moses, who would put a veil over his face so that the Israelites might not gaze at the outcome of what was being brought to an end. ¹⁴ But their minds were hardened. For to this day, when they read the old covenant, that same veil remains unlifted, because only through Christ is it taken away. ¹⁵ Yes, to this day whenever Moses is read a veil lies over their hearts. ¹⁶ But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.

4 Therefore, having this ministry by the mercy of God, we do not lose heart. ² But we have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways. We refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to everyone's conscience in the sight of God. ³ And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴ In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵ For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your servants for Jesus' sake. ⁶ For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. (ESV)

L: This is the Word of our Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

COMMON ALLELUIA AND VERSE

HOLY GOSPEL

Mark 9:2-9

L: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the ninth chapter.

C: Glory to You, O Lord. (sung)

² And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before

them,³ and his clothes became radiant, intensely white, as no one on earth could bleach them.⁴ And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, and they were talking with Jesus.⁵ And Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here. Let us make three tents, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah."⁶ For he did not know what to say, for they were terrified.⁷ And a cloud overshadowed them, and a voice came out of the cloud, "This is my beloved Son; listen to him."⁸ And suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone with them but Jesus only.⁹ And as they were coming down the mountain, he charged them to tell no one what they had seen, until the Son of Man had risen from the dead. (ESV)

L: This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ. (sung)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

DCE Malinda Standerfer

SERMON HYMN

Beautiful Savior

LSB 537

SERMON

"Transfigure Our World"

Mark 9:2-9

Pastor Aaron Bird

APOSTLES' CREED

OFFERING

*Tithes and gifts may be placed in the collection plate or given at
www.stjohnsdecatour.com/giving*

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

The Leader will conclude every prayer with: "Lord, in Your mercy,"

People respond with: "hear our prayer."

LORD'S PRAYER

RECOGNITION OF BAPTISM BIRTHDAYS

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (Vv. 1-3, 6-7)

LSB 549

Last Week's Giving

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| Weekly Needed | \$12,403.85 |
| General Fund | \$13,216.00 |
| Total Giving | \$13,216.00 |

Last Week's Attendance

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| Traditional Service. | 133 |
| Contemporary Service..... | 54 |
| Total..... | 187 |

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY
FEBRUARY 11, 2024 | 11:00 A.M.

OPENING SONGS

Great Things
This Is Our God

WELCOME & GREETING

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION PRAYER

SHARING THE PEACE

OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 9:2-9

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

DCE Malinda Standerfer

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APOSTLES' CREED

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

SENDING SONG

For All You've Done

SUNDAY SERVANTS

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| Preacher | Pastor Aaron Bird |
| Worship Leader | Pastor Adam Ray |
| Reader | Mike Patzwitz |
| Lay Minister | 8:30 – Steve Craycroft 11:00 – Mark Langston |
| Organist | Ted Hesse |
| Ushers | 8:30 – Gary Schwartzle/Rick Laskowski 11:00 – Dan Zimmerman |
| Computer | 8:30 – Brandon Patzwitz 11:00 – Allison Cushing |
| Live Stream | 11:00 – Lindsay Tipsword |
| Camera | 11:00 – Eric Brown |
| Sound | 8:30 – Doug Hicks 11:00 – Steve Wright |
| Vocals | Lindsay Tipsword, Janice Wright, Ted Hesse |
| Acoustic Guitar | Malinda Standerfer |
| Piano | Angela Cushing |

OUR MISSION We are restored to God through the death and resurrection of Jesus. As a family of Christians, we are dedicated to the love and forgiveness of Christ as we reach out, preach and teach the truth of God’s Word to each other, our community and the world.

IN NEED OF PRAYER: If you would like to be added to the prayer list or the prayer chain, please contact the church office. Please call the prayer chain with an update of your prayer request.

IN THE MILITARY: Laura Byers, Bryon Chaney, Kimberly Chaney, Kristel Chaney, Travis Chaney, Dan Cheney, Tristin Comer, Randy Edwards, Caleb Goodson, Austin Highcock, Braden Highcock, Destiny Little, Noah Lung, Nathan Lung, Andrew Nailer, Jared Pinney, Caitlin Goodson, Tyler Salefski, Jacob Thornell

CONGREGATION NEWS

Super Bowl Subs are available for pick-up after each service. Thank you for your orders and donations.

Ash Wednesday Service is Wednesday, February 14th at 6:00 p.m. Imposition of Ashes will be at 12:00 noon. Meal will begin at 5:00 p.m. Ladies Friendship Circle will be preparing Chicken & Noodles.

Lent Services will begin on Wednesday, February 21st at 6:00 p.m. Lenten meal will begin at 5:00 p.m. We will explore some spiritual disciplines through our sermon series, Celebration of Discipline.

Wednesday Adult Bible Study will not meet this Wednesday, Feb. 14th.

All women, the Friendship Circle meeting this month will be a huge treat! Pastor Aaron and Teddy will be our guests and will describe Teddy's duties as a comfort dog, and the training process. Anyone can attend, so bring a friend. We will meet at 1:00 on Tuesday, February 20th.

Chili Cookoff & Dessert Silent Auction is Sunday, February 25th at 3:00 p.m. Visit the Youth table outside the sanctuary for more information, to register a chili or dessert, or to reserve your tickets! Questions??? Contact Malinda or the church office.

Orders for St. John's Shirts are available. Order forms are available on the table in the back of the church. Soft t-shirts are available in adult and youth sizes. Moisture-wicking short-sleeved polos and long-sleeved quarter-zip come in both men's and women's cuts. All orders are due to the church office by March 10th.

Mite Boxes: Remember mite boxes are collected the first Sunday of every month at the back of the sanctuary. There are 31 grants being supported in 2023 and 2025.

New Life Pregnancy Center News – CHANGE FOR LIFE – Baby Bottle Campaign begins this week. Take home one or two baby bottles, and return

them on March 3rd filled with your pocket change. Bottles are available on the back table of the Sanctuary. Your donation will support programs and materials used to minister to those who come to New Life Pregnancy Center for help.

STEWARDSHIP SEEDS: *Luke 18:34 – “This saying was hidden from them, and they did not grasp what was said.”* Even our understanding of the Word of God is a gift – the disciples can’t understand Jesus because it is not given to them to understand Him. By nature, they are deaf to the Word. So, everything we have is a gift of God. To realize this is the beginning of thankfulness, generosity and kindness.

LOVE THY NEIGHBOR! Northeast Community Fund’s annual “Love Thy Neighbor” campaign will be on Wednesday, February 21, 2024. From 6 a.m.- 6 p.m. We will be accepting donations of food and items in our facility located at 839 N. Martin Luther King, Jr. Drive. If you would like to volunteer or donate, please go to www.northeastcommunityfund.org/blog to Love Thy Neighbor 2024 to sign-up.

LSA ReSale Shop: The resale shop needs clean used clothing, especially children’s. The shop takes donations of any and all holiday items no matter the season. Donations should be clean and in good condition; something that you would buy. Please put your donations in bags or boxes of a manageable size with clothing separate from household items. Volunteers are always needed. You can come when it’s best for you. Contact the shop at 217-423-0122 for details. The LSA ReSale Shop is located at 421 E. Cerro Gordo in Decatur.

THIS WEEK AT ST. JOHN'S

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

8:30 A.M. Traditional Service

9:45 A.M. Education Hour

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

6:30 P.M. Boy Scouts

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

10-11:00 A.M. DMH Grief Support Meeting (Lounge)

1:00 P.M. Staff Meeting

6:00 P.M. Hospitality Team Meeting (FH)

6:30 P.M. Lay Ministry (Conf. Room)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

12:00 P.M. Imposition of Ashes

5:00 P.M. Meal Served (Chicken & Noodles) (FH)

6:00 P.M. Ash Wednesday Service

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

5:30 P.M. TOPS

6:00 P.M. Choir Rehearsal

7:00 P.M. Worship Practice

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

No church activities scheduled.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

No church activities scheduled.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

8:30 A.M. Traditional Service

9:45 A.M. Education Hour

11:00 A.M. Contemporary Service

4-5:30 P.M. Confirmation Class (FH)

5:30 P.M. Shared Dinner

6:00 P.M. Jr. High Youth Groups